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August 31, 2005

Mr. Bradley Decker  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: Republican Party of Texas  
Identification Number: C00143743

Report: Amended April Monthly Report (March 1, 2005 - March 28, 2005)

Filed April 20, 2005

This letter is being sent in 3 parts due to software limitations.

Part I

Dear Mr. Decker:

Pursuant to your letter dated, August 3, 2005, regarding the Amended April Monthly Report, we are responding to each item (as listed below).

1). Beginning Cash Total - has been amended to reflect the ending balance on the Amended March 2005 as filed on 08/29/05.

3a). Regarding 11 CFR # 104.3(a)(4)(i), Identification for an individual who contributes more than \$200, The Republican Party of Texas follows the following procedure to obtain this information. The Party first requests this information on the original solicitation in a clear and conspicuous manner. The request informs the contributor of the requirements of federal law in reporting this information. If the individual doesn't provide the information with their contribution, we follow up with a letter mailed to the individual requesting this information in clear manner. The letter is sent with a return envelop provided for them. These procedures are designed to demonstrate our "best efforts" to obtain information required by the Commission. We have attached a sample copy of a solicitation mail piece and the follow up letter used by the Republican Party of Texas. When information is returned, our database is amended and the information is reported.

4). Schedule D - Debts and Obligations shows "travel reimbursements" that have been submitted for payment after the expense has been incurred. The Republican Party of Texas pays these expenses to committee staff within the 30 days after expenses are paid with cash or check or within the 60 days after the closing date of any credit card statements. These expenses are not paid in advance and do not require disclosure on Schedule A.

5). Schedule D - Debt owed to Michelle Burnett. This debt was reported on the Amended February Report filed 08/29/05 and payment was shown on the Amended March Report filed 08/29/05, therefore, no disclosure is necessary on this March Report.

6). Regarding Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of this report disclosing \$19,319.97 for Fundraising Telemarketing (F/R) Expenses. These expenses are for the Republican Party of Texas generic fundraising drives and are not for any specific candidate mailing. These expenditures do not constitute in-kind contributions on behalf of any specific candidate. All expenditures are reviewed carefully to identify specific reporting requirements and to identify any expenditure that meets the definition of a Federal Election Activity or express advocacy activity. I have changed the description to reflect the generic nature of the program as you have suggested.

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Best regards,

Christopher Masko, Treasurer  
The Republican Party of Texas

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